

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:398
ANSWERED ON:19.11.2007
DEEP SEA TUNA FISHING
Jagannath Dr. M.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government for according sanction for joint venture project with World Tuna Development International Inc. (WTDI) for the exploitation of Deep Sea Tuna Fishery as per the revised guidelines;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has accorded clearance to the proposal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the time by which the Government propose to clear the project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)to(d): Government of Andhra Pradesh had proposed to establish a Joint Venture Project with World Tuna Development International Inc. (WTDI), USA for exploitation of Deep Sea Tuna Resources in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The Government had earlier conveyed No Objection to Government of Andhra Pradesh for floating a joint venture company for this purpose. However, no permission has been granted as Government of Andhra Pradesh has since cancelled their joint venture proposal on 6th October, 2006.